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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 1432

E O 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV BQG AKB
SUBJ: REPLY ON NICO HUEBNER

REF: BONN 11063

1. BERLIN SCANDAL DAILY BILD REPORTED JUNE 16 THAT EUGENE K. BYRD, FORMER AMERICAN GOVERNOR AT SPANDAU, HAD RECEIVED ANSWER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO A LETTER HE HAD WRITTEN TWO MONTHS AGO DESCRIBING THE FATE OF NICO HUEBNER. BILD QUOTES THE LETTER RECEIVED BY BYRD AS SAYING "YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR AN ANSWER." BYRD IS QUOTED BY BILD TO HAVE SAID, "THE INDICATION THAT I MAY TELEPHONE THE EUROPEAN DIVISION ABOUT THE CASE OF NICO HUEBNER PROVES THE GREAT INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT" (IN THIS CASE).

2. BILD ARTICLE APPEARS TO BE TYPICAL MIXTURE OF MISLEADING HEADLINE, INNUENDOS AND QUOTES TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT. IM-CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESSION WHICH IS LEFT TO UNCAUTIOUS READERS, HOWEVER, IS THAT BYRD WARRANTED AN ANSWER TO HIS LETTER ON NICO HUEBNER (WHICH HE SAW TO IT RECEIVED APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY) DIRECTLY FROM WHITE HOUSE.

3. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE PRESIDENT LORENZ AT THE TIME WE HAND OVER RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT

CARTER THAT REPORT THAT BYRD RECEIVED DIRECT REPLY FROM
WHITE HOUSE IS MISLEADING. WE WOULD APPREICATE DEPARTMENT'S
DETERMINING, IF POSSIBLE, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO BYRD LETTER,
AND WHETHER SUBSTANTIVE REPLY HAS BEEN SENT. PRESIDENT
LORENZ' LETTER HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY PUBLICITY AS FAR
AS WE KNOW. THEREFORE, WE SEE NO DANGER OF PUBLIC EM-
BARRASSMENT TO HIM BECAUSE HE IS NOT RECEIVING RESPONSE
DIRECTLY FROM WHITE HOUSE.DAVIS

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